

In 1944 the people of Arkansas, tired of the endless bickering and politicking over game and fish matters, adopted Constitutional Amendment No. 35 stripping the legislature of this authority and turning it over to an independent commission.

Now the Game & Fish Commission is supported entirely by the license fees levied against hunters and fishermen. But since these fees are cleared through the state government the legislature still has to go through the motions of making the commission's biennial appropriation.

Yesterday, as you read on this page, the lower house suddenly decided to assert its authority in defiance of a constitutional amendment — and voted down the G. & F. appropriation. It had already passed the senate.

The quarrel in the house is long, wordy, and stupid. House members simply don't like the G. & F. Commission idea. But that's none of their business. This is the people's enactment, and house members can pick any general election day they choose to try to repeal Amendment No. 35 — but meanwhile they ought to get on with the business which is stacking up while they mark time talking about G. & F.

I've heard all about the wildlife question in Arkansas for 30 years, and the most abominable administration on earth was when the legislators handled it direct. That's how the people felt when they pinned the politicians' ears back with that amendment in 1944 — and my educated guess is they'll get their ears knocked off if they put a repealer to a vote.

In yesterday's edition Rep. John P. Bethell of Prairie county is quoted as saying, "Unless the commission recedes from its high-handed attitude Constitutional Amendment No. 35 is going to be repealed."

Let's leave it that way, Mr. Bethell.

You get on with today's business for which you are being paid to sit in the Arkansas legislature, and we'll pick up the G. & F. amendment question any November election day the die-hards want to make their effort for repeal.

## Island Couple Returns to Flooded Home

By SEYMOUR TOPPING

CANVEY ISLAND, England (AP)—The White family came home this week and papa poured the sea water out of the television set.

This was the report of sandy-haired Robert White, age 11, one of the thousands of refugees who have returned to what Britain called the "Isle of Death."

Canvey Island, in the Thames estuary, was the home of 12,000 people when hurricane-driven tides struck it at 2 a. m. Sunday, Feb. 1. Angry waters surged over the 8,000-acre island, drowning at least 60 persons — along with 245 more elsewhere on England's eastern coast.

Ten thousand inhabitants of Canvey fled, leaving behind a ghost community isolated in a lake of murky, swirling waters.

Holding his cat, Susan, little Robert White cried when he got his first look at his once trim bungalow home.

"The three feet of water in the living room was nearly gone," he said, "but oh, what a mess was left. The furniture was ruined and had floated everywhere. The whole place was stinky and sloshy."

"Mom had just finished paying for the television set too and the first thing papa did was to empty the sea water out of it. But it was wrecked."

"There was a dead fish 'in the bath tub.'"

The 4,000 people who so far have plodded back over the old iron bridge from the mainland, past the water-soaked island, "Welcome to Canvey Island," have found their homes in about the same shape.

## Wants Probe of Meyer Mistake

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Velde (R-Ill.) of the House Un-American Activities Committee has ordered a "complete investigation" of how Mrs. Agnes E. Meyer, wife of Eugene Meyer, board chairman of the Washington Post.

The congressman said Tuesday that Moscow Pravda in 1947 had quoted Mrs. Meyer as writing to Soviet journal: "We feel profound admiration for the people of the Soviet Union." Mrs. Meyer termed Velde's statement "an outright falsehood."

The author of the letter was found to be Mrs. G. S. Meyer, wife of a retired Post Clements, British Columbia, rancher.

## Storm Stricken Areas in for Bitter Cold

By The Associated Press

Numbing cold descended today upon a vast section of the nation's northern midlands in the wake of the winter's worst snowstorm.

Temperatures of zero to 15 below were forecast for tonight in at least six of the 11 states which have felt in varying degrees the fury of the four-day blizzard.

Diminishing winds permitted residents of the storm area, particularly in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Minnesota, to dig out of drifts that stalled highway and plane travel and in many communities forced the closing of schools and businesses.

But the winds trailing the receding storm, now moving into Canada at the head of Lake Superior, were still 30 miles an hour or more — strong enough to intensify the suddenly fallen temperatures. The Weather Bureau reported gusts of 57 miles an hour were recorded during the height of the storm over Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota.

The wind scoured the new falls of snow, ranging up to 15 inches at Huron, S. D., and 12 at St. Cloud, Minn., into formidable drifts that kept school children home, forced businesses to close for lack of customers, and even bowed highways so that snowplows couldn't find them.

Similar discomforts were felt in Wyoming and Colorado a day earlier, where the storm began developing Wednesday. It was in those states the only storm deaths — nine — were reported. Five were the result of traffic accidents and four, all in Denver, attributed to over exertion in the snow.

In the Deep South, tornadoes lashed three states leaving one person dead, 10 injured, and a mounting list of homeless.

The heaviest toll was in Alabama where four communities in the northwest were lashed by destructive storms yesterday. Mississippi and Louisiana felt the fury in lesser degree.

## Servicemen of This Area to Finish Basic

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (PHN)—Attending the Naval Trainers School at the U. S. Naval Air Station here is Bennie L. Grove, airman, USN, of 100 East Ave. B, Hope, Ark.

Grove entered the Naval service in July, 1952, and received his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Prior to entering the Navy, Grove was graduated from Hope High School.

Pvt. Harold V. Poindexter, of Emmet Rt. 1, has arrived at Fort Hood, Texas, where he will be assigned to the famed First Armored Division for basic training.

Pvt. Poindexter is the son of M. A. Poindexter, Emmet, Rt. 1. He attended Rocky Mound School.

Camp Pickett, Va. — Private Lester D. Springer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Springer, East Third St., Hope, completed basic training recently at Medical Replacement Training Center here.

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas — James B. May, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. May, Rt. 2, Ross-ton, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base the "Gate way to the Air Force."

## 8 Destroyers Sail Into Singapore

SINGAPORE, Malaya (AP)—Eight American destroyers from the U. S. Seventh Fleet sailed into Singapore today after completing blockade service in Korean waters. More than 1,000 seamen from the warships began an immediate tour of Singapore island.

The flotilla, commanded by Capt. M. P. Russell, will split up here for visits to various South Asian ports before returning home to its base at Newport, R. I.

The USS Miller and USS Lewis Hancock will go to Rangoon, Burma; the USS Rooks is to call at Penang, Malaya; The USS Sullivan at Colombo, Ceylon; and the USS McGowan, McNary, Hailey and Hickox will put into Calcutta, India, and Karachi, Pakistan.

The flotilla will, regrettably, Aden, a British protectorate at the southern end of the Red Sea.

The fact that the festival of St. Valentine has been linked with lovers is believed to be accidental, resulting from the fact the festival is observed in early spring.

## Anxious British Want to Talk Over Indochina War, Possible German Tieup With Alliance

Says Witnesses Should Have Counsel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Morse (Ind-Ore) says witnesses in Senate investigations should have a legal right to counsel, who could object to questions and cross-examine any other witness making accusations.

In introducing a witnesses' "bill of rights" measure, Morse yesterday said persons accused of disloyalty, subversion or Communist tactics should have "adequate assurance by law" of a chance to defend themselves.

The bill would also require witnesses to stick to the subject under investigation.

## Farm Folks to Hear About Castor Bean

An informational program to acquaint farmers of Southwest Arkansas with the possibilities and practicality of growing Castor Beans on a commercial scale is getting under way this week in Hempstead, Nevada, Miller, Little River, Lafayette and Columbia counties.

This program is being sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service and the Production and Marketing Administration. Castor Bean production in Arkansas, on a commercial scale is rather new to farmers of the state. There is, however, an increasing interest in this crop in neighboring states.

Texas especially had a considerable acreage of beans in 1952 which according to available information proved quite profitable. With the increased uses of Castor Beans it is quite possible that this comparatively new crop may prove profitable to farmers in certain adapted sections of the state.

With these facts in mind and the fact that the Southwest Arkansas seems to have the best soil types, climate, etc., essential to Castor Beans production in Arkansas the State PTA Committee has selected this area to promote Castor Beans production in the state.

The State PTA Committee has seed available to seed approximately 5,000 acres this year. These seed will be made available to farmers who sign a contract with the local county PMA committee, for a specified number of acres to be planted in 1953. The seed will be sold to all participating farmers at a very reasonable price. Farmers will also be guaranteed a market for all hulled beans produced on the acreage under contract at 9 cents per pound of hulled beans.

According to available information from the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station studies, indications are that Castor Beans can be profitably produced in Arkansas. Experimental work with Castor Beans was conducted by the State experiment stations in 1942, 1950, 1951 and 1952. The Castor Bean variety test of 1942 which was conducted at the Fayetteville, Hope, Stuttgart, and Batesville Experiment stations produced yields as high as 900 pounds of hulled beans per acre. A 500 pound yield of hulled Castor Beans is ordinarily considered a fair crop.

Harvesting may be done by hand or machinery. If enough acreage is obtained to justify it, both harvesting machinery and hullers will be made available to farmers. The beans will be tested and graded at the Hulling Center and a grade sheet given to the farmer. He may then take this receipt to the county PMA office and secure his check. The selling price of the beans will be the larger of 9 cents per pound hulled beans or the current market price.

Inasmuch as the necessary acreage should be contracted not later than March 10, farmers interested in the crop should contact the county PMA office or the County Agent as soon as convenient but not later than March 10. Additional information may be obtained at the Extension or PMA office.

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Not this year, I don't mind it at all. Let the barnacles gather. Who cares?

The best thing in the world is to be 21, happy with a new love and a new job, and able to vote. You are about as wise and free and rebellious and honest as you will ever be. You will never be as certain about so many things again. It is as close as you will probably ever come to being a true adult.

The worst thing in the world is to be 39. That's downright pitiful. You see before you the inescapable corral of middle age, and behind you the lost pastures of youth. What a fearful lever of time, what a hateful teeter-totter, is a man's 39th birthday. Every fellow who survives that one ought to get a gold watch and a letter of congratulations from the mayor.

But 42 is just another niche in your personal history, a rather pleasant ledge on which to rest and count your scars as you survey the lengthening past and shortening future.

At 21 nothing you do is really a mistake—it is only an adventure of one kind or another. At 42 you know that anything you do will

be more of a compromise than a discovery. Instead of finding a new color in the rainbow you marvel how the world can contain so many shades of gray.

After 40 you don't attack a problem by trying for a knockout blow. You concentrate on inflicting. And in almost any argument—at home or abroad—you are satisfied with a draw.

At 42 you don't mind so much that teen-agers regard you as a dinosaur. You feel they may be right. You can hear your bones creak now and then, and wonder if they can, too.

You begin to think that even the flaws in your wife are virtues, because you have known them so long. You also give up trying to correct the imperfections of your boss. If an old enemy dies, it leaves a hole in your life. It is sad to lose an enemy after 40. You have so few left.

At 42 there is only one thing you really hate—being taken for granted. The boss knows you probably will now stick with the firm until they hand you the final bag of oats. At 65, and he knows that you know that he knows. It's kind of galling, too, to tell your wife, "There's a pretty new blonde at the office," and have her reply, "So what?" She used to care in the years before she was sure she would be your widow.

Your sins don't catch up with you at 42. They have already passed you by, chasing a younger fellow.

At 42, as your forehead rises and frost thickens at the temples, you have a quiet passion for this disturbing old world as it is, and want to keep it unchanged—like a mother who cherishes every freckle on a wayward son. For when any part of your world goes at 42, part of you goes, too.

LONDON (AP)—The critical Indo Chinese war and a possible West German tieup with the Atlantic alliance if the European army plan fails will be among top-priority items at forthcoming British-American talks in Washington, British government sources say.

These topics were reported last night as another highly placed Briton expressed mounting anxiety over a possible struggle for power within Russia if Stalin dies or quits. Such an internal battle, he declared, would represent one of the biggest threats to world peace.

This Briton said the West could be fairly confident as long as Stalin was in full command but in the event of an all-out struggle for dictatorship between ambitious rivals, "There is no telling what their rashness may plunge us into."

The Indo-Chinese and German questions will be among the problems hashed over when Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—scheduled to sail next Tuesday for the United States—meets President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles, the informants said.

The British and American chiefs, it was indicated, will talk over going to France with solid Anglo-American support for West Germany's participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization if the six-nation army project founders.

France drew up the plan for the unified defense force but the French Parliament lately has shown signs of balking at ratifying the pact that would rearm Germany—her traditional enemy.

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## Quality Truck Crops to Be Discussed

The production of quality truck crops for market and for home use will be considered Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock announced county agent Oliver L. Adams today.

Extension Horticulturist Earl J. Allen of Fayetteville will lead the discussion. The many factors that enter into quality products—such as variety, fertilization, moisture supply, proper season and the like will receive consideration.

Pecan and tree fruits producers are requested to talk with Mr. Allen at 11 o'clock. Management and other problems will be welcomed.

As the home vegetable garden is one of the most important means of reducing the cost of living, any year the Wednesday meeting should be of importance.

Commercial truck crop producers and home gardeners, suppliers and produce buyers are invited to be present. The meetings will be held in the Extension Service office in the county courthouse.

## People Never Get Through a Second Childhood—They Never Outgrow the First One

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—If life begins at 40, then I am two years old today. That puts me well into my second childhood on my 42nd birthday.

What nonsense! Life doesn't begin at 40. And most people never go through a second childhood—because they never really outgrow the first one.

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## Indictment of Russia to Get Quick Approval

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—Quick congressional approval was forecast today for President Eisenhower's indictment of Russia's mass "subjugation of free peoples" through perversion of World War II agreements.

A resolution, sponsored by Eisenhower and awaited on Capitol Hill since he promised it in his Feb. 2 State of the Union message, was made public yesterday by the President.

It rejects the Soviet Union's interpretation of the understandings—presumably those made at Yalta—as a license for the subjugation of free peoples. It proclaims a hope for ultimate self-government behind the Iron Curtain in line "with the pledge of the Atlantic Charter."

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## Bombers Hit Reds Near Yalu River

SEOUL (AP)—Allied fighterbombers blasted a Communist communications center near the south bank of the Yalu River boundary of Manchuria today and screening U. S. Sabres jets downed two MIGs.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force reported that three other MIGs probably were destroyed and two damaged.

The raid on the Red communications center at Manpojin was one of two heavy strikes during the day protected by the sleek, swept-wing Sabres. Fighterbombers earlier pounded a big Red supply area north of Pyongyang, apex of the old "Iron Triangle" on the Korean Central Front.

Assessment of gun camera film from the Sabres resulted in the air force boosting the figures from an earlier announcement of two MIGs probably destroyed and one damaged. There were two dog fights.

The second dogfight resulted apparently from MIGs rising from their base at Anlung, Manchuria, 130 air miles southwest of Manpojin, to challenge Sabres shielding the fighterbomber raid.

Originally, the detachment was equipped with Sikorsky HO4S "copiers," but after the need for bigger load-lifting capability was shown, the newer and larger Sikorsky H119s were sent to Korea.

The Senate defeated a bill that would have required the state auditor to audit expenditure of cash funds by state agencies, and make the audits available to the public. Opponents said this procedure was provided for in the new Fiscal Code Act.

In a short executive session just before adjournment, the Senate confirmed Cherry's appointments to the State Forestry and Parks Commission and the State Police Commission, plus the appointments of three University of Arkansas trustees and one Henderson State College trustee.

The House passed nearly a score of Senate measures, most of them non-controversial, before recessing for the week-end. Three others were defeated.

Shortly before adjournment, the House received a bill which would permit limited establishment of liquor stores in dry counties which adjoin wet territory in other states.

The bill was introduced by representatives of two dry counties which border on Missouri—Reps. A. M. McCall of Sharp and Bryan J. McCall of Clay.

Six other dry counties which touch Missouri and three which touch Louisiana apparently also would be affected.

History Commission Figure Is Suicide

CONWAY (AP)—Dallas T. Jordan, executive secretary of the Arkansas History Commission for 42 years, died at a Conway hospital early today from a gunshot wound in the head. He was 74.

Sheriff Joe Castleberry said the wound apparently was self-inflicted.

Average age of members of the new Ark. Congress, Ark. Gov. B. B. Bledsoe said today, was 54.

Gladden Gives Up PSC Post

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—Howard Gladden, a former executive assistant to ex-Gov. Sid McMath, will give up his post on the Arkansas Public Service Commission on February 2.

Gladden, last of the McMath-appointed commissioners, resigned his post yesterday in a letter to Gov. Francis Cherry, with whom he went to school in Jonesboro. Cherry made no comment other than "I accepted the resignation."

## Demos Doubt Budget Can Be Balanced

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two Democratic members of the Senate appropriations Committee said today they will help cut government spending but doubt the Republicans can balance the budget.

Senators Maybank (D-SC) and Robertson (D-VA) said in separate interviews they are just as anxious as their GOP colleagues to whittle the \$78,600,000,000 in outlays for mer President Truman forecast for the year beginning July 1.

However, Robertson said: "I think we ought to have a spending budget that balances receipts, but I don't think Congress will reach that goal even though we approach it."

Maybank said Republicans can count on his vote to slice appropriations bills. But he said: "The military requests will have to be slashed about 10 per cent to make any reduction that will come close to balancing the budget. I don't know what the attitude of the administration will be when it comes to reducing the military."

Maybank predicted the Senate committee will wield a sharp knife on foreign aid funds, possibly recalling some money already appropriated for that purpose.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force said today that 201 United Nations fliers, brought down or forced to parachute behind enemy lines, were rescued from the start of the Korean War in June, 1950, through last Jan. 31.

In addition, 78 other fliers were picked up from coastal waters around the battle area by U. S. Air Force rescue units. The Air Force said other downed airmen had been recovered by the Navy and some had "evaded capture and escaped on their own."

The Navy said it was unable to provide corresponding figures. The majority of the fliers snatched from impending capture in North Korea have been rescued by a special helicopter detachment of the 3rd Air Rescue Squadron.

This detachment has the sole mission of finding dangerous fliers into enemy territory, usually protected by a "cove" of fighter planes but constantly presenting good targets for Communist anti-aircraft and small arms fire.

Sometimes the men saved are wounded. There may be more than one to be picked up at a time. This means the helicopters often take off badly overloaded to flail their way back to safety.

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## Guernsey Junior Class Play Is Scheduled Feb. 27

The Junior Class of Guernsey High School will present "Grandpa's Twin Sister," Friday night, February 27, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. This is a 3-act comedy by Jean Provençe.

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# SOCIETY

Phone 7-2421 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Calendar

**Saturday, February 21**  
Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church will have a bake sale Saturday, February 21, at the old Hope Transfer building on Front Street. Advance tickets will be taken. Phone 7-2437.

**Sunday, February 22**  
WCS Circle 8 of the First Methodist Church will meet Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. V. D. Keelley with Mrs. John Strong, Mrs. Clifton Ellis, and Mrs. Raymond Peace as co-hostesses. Mrs. George Murray is program leader, will use as theme "Partnership in Dedication with Crusade Scholars." Answering her will be Mrs. Steve D. Mrs. R. H. Linaker, Mrs. Fred Guerin, Mrs. W. L. Clark, and Mrs. W. B. Oliver. The devotion will be given by Mrs. Lyle K. Mahan. A full attendance is urged and all members are asked to bring their year books.

Catherine Mallory Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at 8:00 Monday night in the home of Mrs. Earl Bailey, 702 South Howard.

**Tuesday, February 24**  
The Comopolitan Club will meet Tuesday, February 24, at the home of Mrs. Virgil Keelley with Mrs. Billy Bryant and Mrs. L. B. Tool as co-hostesses.

Chapter AB of PEO will meet Tuesday, February 24, at the home of Mrs. Walter Shug for a 1 o'clock luncheon.

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## New Living Cost Survey Forthcoming

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A brand new cost-of-living index, computed after an exhaustive three-year price and spending survey across the nation, makes its first appearance next week.

Evan Clague, commissioner of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, says the new index, though not "an exact measurement," will be the "most comprehensive" in the past 20 years.

The consumers' price index is nothing more than a monthly measurement of the change in prices—with the accent on "change"—of hundreds of goods and services bought by moderate income families who live in big and small cities.

Taken all together, BLS calls these 300 items, ranging from cigars to surgery, the "market basket" of goods and services which families of wage-earners and clerical workers must buy to maintain their level of living.

The American people are constantly changing their spending habits. Ten years ago there were almost no television sets. Today there are nearly 21 million. TV sets are now as much a part of the average family's budget as automobiles and movies. Thus, TV sets will now be included in the "market basket" and their changing costs will become part of the monthly index.

Up to now the cost-of-living index has been computed from price changes in 225 items, measured by price sampling in 34 cities, all large. Besides expanding the number of items to 300 by adding TV sets, frozen foods and others, BLS will take price samples from now on in 40 cities, ranging in size from New York to towns of 2,500.

BLS sent pricing specialists into the homes of typical families in all these cities to get a complete record of the kinds, quantities and amounts of food, clothing, furniture and all other goods and services bought in 1930, and how much was spent for each item.

Results of this survey showed that: The average family spent 30.1 per cent of its total expenditures for food; 32 per cent for housing; 9.7 per cent for clothes; 11 per cent for transportation; 4.7 per cent for medical care; 2.1 per cent for personal care such as toilet articles; 5.4 per cent on rental and recreation which includes TV and 5 per cent for "other goods and services"—tobacco and alcoholic beverages; legal services burial expenses and others.

Comparing this modern market basket with the one in use up to now shows interesting contrasts. For example, the old cost-of-living index gave a weight of 33.4 per cent to housing, nearly two points more than housing's new value in the market basket.

The new index will use average prices in the period 1947-1949 as a base of 100. The base is arbitrary—it could be any period at all. In fact, Clague has announced that he will see the new index also on a 1935-1939 base for at least the next 12 months, so that easy comparisons can be made between the new and old index.

The old index was tied to the 1935-1939 base.

The 1947-1949 base means this: If the new index out next week, which will measure the change in the price level from Dec. 10-Jan. 15, shows that prices on Jan. 15 were exactly the same as the average in 1947-1949, the Jan. 15 index would come out exactly 100. This won't happen, because prices are now about 14 per cent higher than the 1947-1949 average. So the new index due next week will probably be somewhere around 114—114 per cent of the 1947-1949 base.

BLS has announced six separate "indexes" starting in late 1950, that its old index would be discontinued at the end of 1952. More than three million workers are covered by contracts which tie their wages to the old index. Some of these contracts have already been re-written to fit the new index, but many more have not.

This led to requests from both industry and many labor unions that the old index be continued a few months to allow more time for changing cost-of-living contracts to fit the new index. President Eisenhower bowed to these requests and the old index will be continued until the end of June.

## Coming and Going

Mrs. Martin Waddle of Dallas and Miss Marjorie Waddle of Oklahoma are spending the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Waddle.

## Hospital Notes

**Branch Hospital**  
Admitted: Mrs. Robert Rogers, Patmos, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Fulton.

Discharged: Mrs. Jack Boaty of Hope, Mrs. Billie Hickshoe, Patmos, Mr. Thomas C. Lee, McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers of Patmos announce the arrival of a baby boy on February 21.

## Armed Forces Make Usual Claims

By ALTON C. RAY  
AP Military Affairs Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP)—This is the season when the picture, turns grain and things are in a heck of a fix.

It is this time when each of the armed forces tells how good it is. And it is, perchance, the time of budget-making. It happens every year, in peace and war, in every administration.

Some years there are mysterious rumors of foreign submarines cruising off American shores. Other years there are vapor trails from highflying, unseen, unknown aircraft above the northern defense perimeter. And some years people just sit down and add up all the military and diplomatic perplexities and intelligence estimates and come up with a broad and broadening black picture.

Only yesterday a group of congressional leaders emerged from a White House session with military, intelligence and national security council officials—speaking cryptically but approvingly of the briefing they had. It was nothing new they said—the picture has been grim for a long time.

The congressional leaders then went to the Capitol where Congress is going to work on the budget.

Across the Potomac at the Pentagon the armed forces seemed to hear no unusually loud alarms from around the world but maybe that is just because they are used to the grimness of the times.

President Warren G. Harding was the first U. S. President who could drive his own car, although official guards would not permit him to do so during his term in office.

## Bollworm Stations to Be Erected

BATON ROUGE (AP)—Fifteen border inspection stations east and west of Texas to prevent the spread of pink bollworm will require about \$34,000, the Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner reported.

Dave L. Pegre said yesterday the 10 posts in Louisiana, three in Arkansas and two in Oklahoma will operate from July 15 to Dec. 1 to check cars, trucks and cotton-picking equipment moving out of the bollworm-infested areas in Texas and Mexico.

The stations, expected to be financed by Louisiana and 11 other cotton states, will operate around the clock, Pegre said.

The border patrol was approved by representatives of nine Southern and Southwestern states on Feb. 9 and it was estimated that 104 men will be required, the Commissioner said.

States expected to be involved are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

## Big Strain Caused by Military

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sen. Taft of Ohio said today the Eisenhower administration has been saddled with a "terrible burden" of proposed long-range military spending in its efforts to balance the budget.

But he and Sen. Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the conference of all Republican senators, predicted that spending will be cut and an increase avoided in the \$75 billion dollar legal debt limit.

"I'm sure we will not lift the debt limit," Millikin told interviewers. "If we went on the Truman budget we would have to increase it, but we're going on the Truman budget."

Taft GOP Senate Leader, said the public ought to know "just what a terrible burden was left to us by the Truman administration" with its spending plans—as represented not only in the \$78,600,000,000 budget former President Truman sent to Congress for the year beginning July 1, but in five-year planning for military outlays.

Supplementing this, Chairman Bridges (R-NH) of the Senate Appropriations Committee said there is a possibility that Truman underestimated spending for the next year by \$4 billion dollars. That would put the prospective deficit by Truman's figures, at over \$13 billion.

Aged people seldom contract typhoid fever.

## Denunciation of Russia Is Aim of Ike

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the most pulling things President Eisenhower has said since taking office—it was in his State of the Union message Feb. 2—was on the subject of war time secret agreements.

By putting together various statements since then, this seems to be what he had in mind: He wants Congress to denounce Russia, which has been soundly denounced in the past by this country, for breaking agreements.

And this week Eisenhower said he personally knows of no agreements which are really still secret in the sense of not being known. Some parts of the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin agreements in 1945 were kept secret for awhile.

The three men agreed that the people of the Eastern European countries, now under Russia's heel, but then just being freshly liberated from the Nazis, should choose their own governments in free elections.

Russia violated this agreement by making Communist-ruled satellites of these countries.

Eisenhower has expressed belief that denunciation of Russia as an agreement-breaker will give anti-Communist people among the satellites renewed hope of freedom.

But hope seems all they can expect right now. Communists control them so completely that nothing short of war seems capable of freeing them soon. And no one in the Eisenhower administration is talking of war.

When he first raised the subject of secret agreements, Eisenhower was trying to live up to a pledge contained in the Republican campaign platform of last July it said: "The government of the United States, under Republican leadership, will repudiate all commitments contained in secret understandings such as those of Yalta which aid Communist enslavement. It will be made clear, on the highest authority of the President and the Congress, that United States policy, as one of its peaceful purposes, looks happily forward to the genuine independence of those captive peoples."

The word "repudiate" is far-reaching. If this country tried to repudiate one agreement made with Russia, the Communists if it served them, could promptly repudiate other agreements which might hurt this country.

Berlin is a good example. The Americans, British and Russians made wartime agreements on dividing up Berlin and Germany. American officials in Berlin this week said "not all those agreements have been published."

When it came time for him to deliver his message Feb. 2, Eisenhower did not go so far as to talk of "repudiating" agreements. This is what he said:

"We shall never acquiesce in the enslavement of any people in order to purchase fancied gain for ourselves. I shall ask the Congress at a later date to join in an appropriate resolution making clear that this government recognizes no kind of commitment contained in secret understandings with foreign governments which permit this kind of enslavement."

But from the language, no one could tell for sure what Eisenhower meant or what agreements he might have in mind or whether he meant some war-time agreements still secret.

So reporters asked for clarification when he held his first presidential news conference this week. Then, for the first time, he used the word "repudiate." He said he didn't assume it was desirable for the government to say everything agreed to was repudiated.

It was at this conference that Eisenhower said he, personally, knows of no agreements still secret only in the sense the Senate has not formally approved all of them.

But when Secretary of State Dulles held his news conference the following day, he said no "repudiation of any legally effective agreements" was intended. Making it clear that Eisenhower was proposing a joint resolution by Congress, Dulles said:

"The declaration by the Congress and the President has two primary purposes: One is to register dramatically what we believe to be the many breaches by the Soviet Union of the war-time understandings; and, secondly, to register equally dramatically the desire and hope of the American people that the captive people shall be liberated."

## PRESCOTT NEWS

**Monday, February 23**  
The Woman's Association of the Presbyterian Church, that was postponed from last week, will meet on Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. O. W. Watkins.

A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, that was postponed from last week will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. H. H. McKenzie with Mrs. Julia Gann and Mrs. Mae Alsbrook co-hostesses.

**Rose Garden Club**  
Has February Meeting

Violets in dainty arrangements decorated the home of Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough on Tuesday afternoon when she entertained the Rose Garden Club. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Harold Lewis and Mrs. T. R. Moberg.

Mrs. J. R. Bemis, president, conducted the business meeting and gave an interesting book review on "Natchez on the Mississippi." Photographs of the home she described were displayed.

A delectable salad course was served to the seventeen members and a guest, Mrs. C. R. Gray, Sr., of Newport.

**Mrs. Foy Box Hostess**  
To Needle Craft Club

Mrs. Foy Box was hostess to members of the Needlecraft club at her home on Tuesday evening. Colorful arrangements of jonquils were used for decoration.

At the close of the pleasant evening spent sewing, the hostess served a delicious salad course to fifteen members and guests, Mrs. Robert Taylor and children of Locksburg.

**Prescott Garden Club**  
Meets in Wilson Home

The February meeting of the Prescott Garden Club was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. H. J. Wilson, with Mrs. Dewey Stripling and Mrs. Sewell Munn assisting.

Mrs. N. N. Daniel, president, conducted the afternoon business, and the membership voted to replace the shrubs in the parks along the railroad right-of-way.

Plans were made for the annual Jonquil Tea which will be held in the home of Mrs. Rucker Murry in March. Members of the other three city garden clubs will be guests.

Mrs. J. B. Hesterly presented the program on housing plants, and told an interesting manner of the old-fashioned pots our mothers and grandmothers used for protecting their flowers, and of the modern greenhouses, built of rock and many made of glass. She spoke

## DOROTHY DIX

### Clannishness

Dear Miss Dix: I am a girl, 18, and have been going steady with a young man of 27 for the past two years. He is a fine person, and the only cause for disagreement between us has been his mother, who resents the fact that I am not of her nationality. Later, when we told her we intended to marry, she threatened suicide. Ray told her to believe we had broken up, so for the past year we have been seeing each other without her knowledge. She wants him to take a trip with her this spring and when he refused, she ordered him out of the house. I think she realizes he is still seeing me, and is using this method of delivering an ultimatum to him.

WILMA

**Pride of Race**

Answer: Ray's mother has no many objections to her son's marrying that the possibility of overcoming them all seem rather dim. The pride of race, which fosters so much parental objection to marriage, is as strong as it is unreasonable.

Besides battling this strong, instinctive clannishness, Wilma, you must also battle a mother's aversion to being alone. Ray's mother has conjured up a picture of herself as a deserted woman who will be left alone when her only son marries.

If your prospective mother-in-law could have some assurance that you are not going to be heartless and that Ray would not become a heedless son, she might be won over to the idea of your marriage. However, while I offer these crumbs of comfort in a remote hope that they might help, it seems unlikely that you and Ray will be able to overcome the obstacles to a happy marriage. You were both wrong in keeping your friendship a secret for the past year, for as you see now, nothing has been accomplished.

It's up to Ray to decide whether he loves you enough to buck his mother's domination. Let him make the decision—but soon.

Dear Miss Dix: Four months ago I met a fine man; we have dated at least twice a week. He is 30 years old. I am 33. He is most kind, considerate and sincere. One month after our acquaintance he told me he was married, his wife having been bedridden for the past four years. Several months ago he left the town where he lived, and came to this city to work. He has dated one other girl besides myself. I have dated other men, hoping to forget this particular one, but without success. I am wrong in stepping out? Am I wrong in dating him? Is it fair for him to expect me to go steady with him?

B. J.

Answer: Yes, he is wrong in stepping out; you are wrong in dating him; and it is most unfair for him to expect you to go steady with him. The fact that a man has a bedridden wife is no excuse for him to forget his marital vows—in fact, it is most contemptible reason for doing so. Granted your friend is lonely, he would be better off back home with his friends and family. If he needs outside companionship, he should seek it among members of his own sex, not jeopardize the happiness of young women.

Dear Miss Dix: I am 14 and live with an aunt who is very kind to me. However, I like a boy of 14 and she won't let me go out with him.

H. M.

Answer: our aunt has a serious duty in raising a young girl; the least you can do to repay her kindness is to obey her. Since she doesn't want you to see the boy, respect her wishes. As you grow older, I'm sure she'll give you permission to date.

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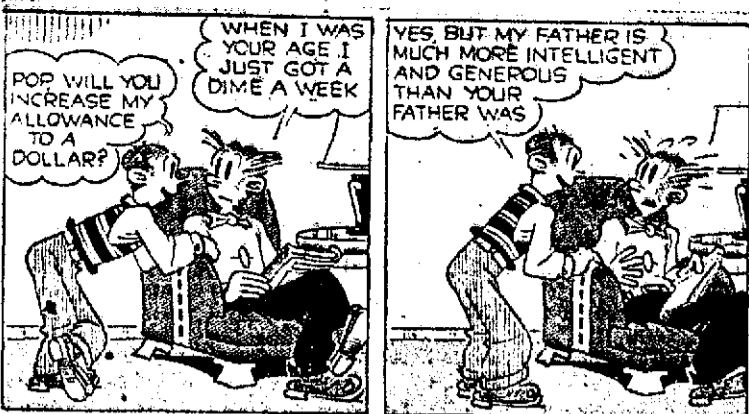
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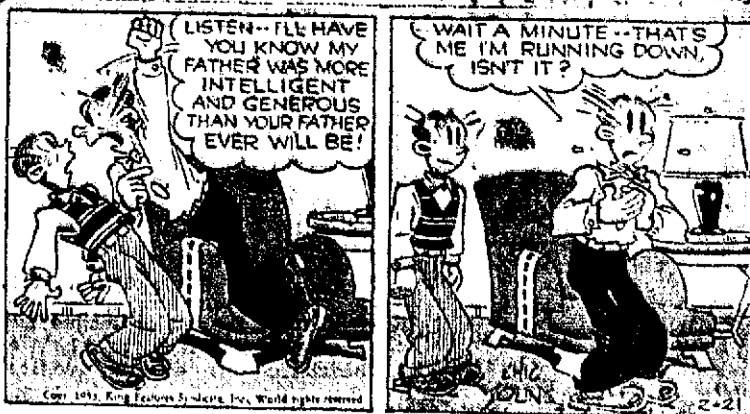
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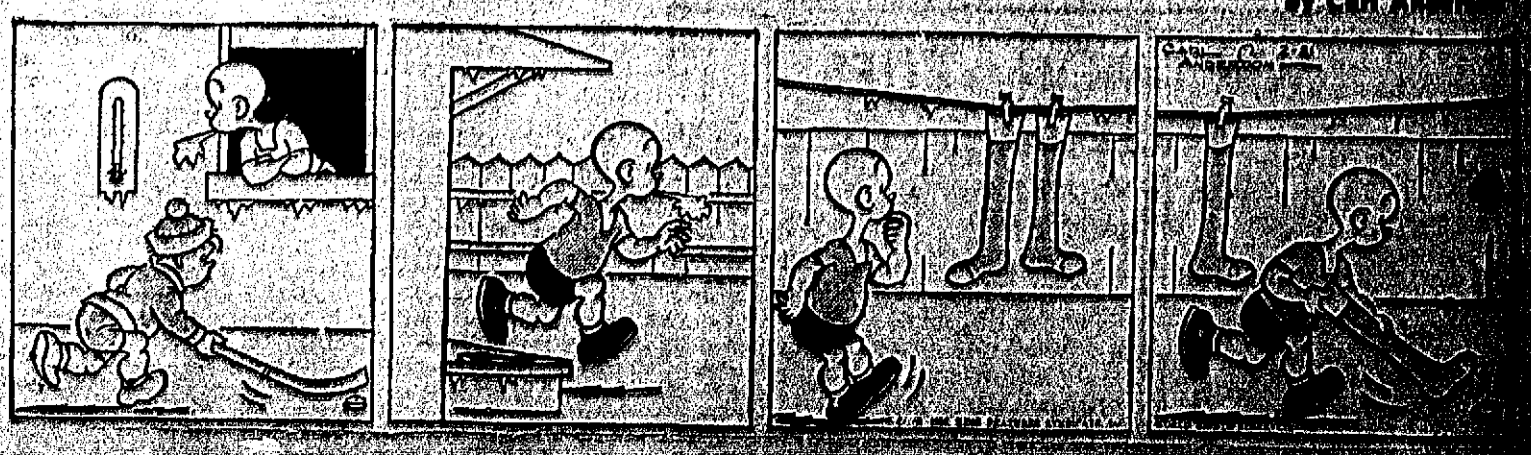
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Washington's Birthday

**HORIZONTAL**

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Washington's birthday

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13 He had many an at Valley Forge

14 Visigoth king

15 Helpers

18 Occupant

17 French plural article

16 Devotee

20 Pints (ab.)

21 Reign

25 Eagle's nest

28 Loving

32 False gods

33 Oriental gateway

34 Feminine appellation

35 Levels

36 Interstices

39 Harden anew

40 Dampness

42 Chemical suffix

45 Harem room

46 Siouan Indian

49 He is buried at Mount

52 Lodger

55 Preposition

58 Woolly

57 Marked with small spots

58 Solid (comb. form)

**VERTICAL**

1 Purpose

2 Great Lake

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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47 Head (Fr.)

48 Mountain

50 Insect egg

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